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CLOVIS WENT DRY BY 64 MAJORITY

Hurrah for Clovis! Victory for Homes, Schools, Churches and Better Citizenship at the Ballot Box Monday. Clovis People Do Not Fear that the Loss of the Saloons will Bankrupt Us.

AS THE VOTE STOOD

Ward one, 128 for prohibition, and 42 against, 3 mutilated. Dry majority 87.

Ward two, 100 and 69 against. Dry majority 31.

Ward three, 103 for and 57 against. Wet majority 46.

Ward four, 59 for and 52 against. Wet majority 7.

Clovis joined the list of dry towns Monday, when out of a total of six hundred and thirteen votes, prohibition carried by a majority of 64.

The conclusion of the count was a signal for great rejoicing among the prohibition forces, many of whom became frantic with joy. A large crowd gathered in front of the post office, where the demonstration continued for an hour. The occasion was celebrated with a jubilee meeting at the Christian Church.

The prediction that the final outcome would be close has been frequently made but even the most optimistic pros never anticipated such a complete victory.

So certain were the "wets" of winning that they did not get out all of the votes known to be favorable to their cause.

They offered bets at odds just before the polls closed, but so uncertain was the result that these were not called.

The success of the pros is attributed largely to the untiring aid and faithful support of the ladies of Clovis, who turned out en masse and worked like beavers from beginning to end.

The workers of both sides and the people generally show signs of relief that the five weeks' fight has finally terminated.

THE PARADE

The last great drive of the prohibition forces began Saturday afternoon, when in a misting rain, a parade extending from the Court house to the depot marched through Main street headed by Johnson's Chamber of Commerce Band. In this parade were many women and children in autos, wagons and carts which were profusely decorated with bunting and flags. They carried banners containing such inscriptions as "Vote It Dry," "Think of Mother," "Eight Hundred Homes vs. Five Saloons," "I can't vote, neither can Ma. If Clovis goes wet, blame it on Pa!" etc. Two white floats, containing young girls dressed in white and drawn by white horses with white harness, attracted considerable attention.

The comic feature of the parade was an old cart containing a liberal supply of junk and drawn by a burro. It was labeled "Bound for Mexico."

The girls band fared worse than the others. They had just taken their places in a large van, when the mules which were unaccustomed to such a gorgeous display of colors, bright instruments and giddy girls, made a dash for liberty which they succeeded in gaining after losing their load. Luckily all jumped and were uninjured.

STREET MEETINGS

While the Prohibitionists were holding a meeting on one corner of Main street, the antis held a meeting on the opposite corner and on Sunday night preceding the election, the pros lectured to a crowded house at the Elks' Auditorium and the others held forth at the Lyceum where all the available space was occupied. Attorney J. E. Pardue of Fort Sumner and Rev. B. B. Crimm were the principal speakers at the pro meeting while Attorney Stanley J. Clark lectured on the "Man of Galilee."

The Ladies W. C. T. U. and others served free lunch to the voters all day Monday at places located near the polls.

The result of the ballot was known within 30 minutes after the polls closed.

Since the lead of the pros is so large there is practically no thought of a contest and the antis seem resigned to their fate.

Just when the saloons will be closed is discretionary with the City Council after the publication of the ordinance closing the saloons, but the supposition is that the members of this body will be fair and allow the saloons a limited time within which to dispose of their stocks of liquors.

Hurt in Auto Accident

Virgil McCaskell, state agent for the Davis Sewing Machine Company was seriously injured Monday noon and his Ford run about almost demolished in an accident which occurred seven miles north of Melrose. He was rendered unconscious for an hour and a half and taken to Melrose and brought to Clovis Tuesday morning. His left eye was injured and the left side of his face and body are badly bruised. He was en route to House when the accident occurred and was traveling at a good speed when he struck a short turn in the road and that is the last he remembers. The top was up and he thinks that it struck him on the head dazing him and causing him to lose control of the car. A young man that he had picked up on the road and who was with him at the time was also hurt but was able to go a couple miles to the nearest settlement and summon assistance.

Boy Run Down By Car

The ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sode was run down Wednesday afternoon by a car driven by M. V. White, one of the proprietors of the Sanitary Barber Shop. The accident occurred on North Main Street in front of the postoffice. According to Mr. White's statement the lad was crossing the street when he saw the car approaching and instead of proceeding he turned and stepped directly in front of the car as the driver attempted to turn around him. The front wheel of the Ford passed over his leg but aside from a few bruises and a sore limb, he is uninjured.

CURRY COUNTY LEADS STATE IN ILLITERACY TEST

With Percentage of One Illiterate to Every Thirty-two Hundred People, Clovis Leads the United States According to the Statement of Prof. L. C. Mersfelder who was Here This Week.

COUNTIES	NO. ILLITERATES	PERCENTAGES
1. Curry	106	1.3
2. Roosevelt	121	1.4
3. Chaves	398	3.2
4. Quay	430	4.0
5. Eddy	417	4.5
6. Union	792	9.6
7. Luna	327	10.7
8. Otero	628	12.1
9. Colfax	1790	14.1
10. Torrance	1071	14.6
11. Bernalillo	3223	17.9
12. Lincoln	1043	18.3
13. Guadalupe	1452	18.6
14. Mora	1716	18.8
15. Santa Fe	2271	20.2
16. Grant	2285	20.6
17. Sierra	571	21.8
18. San Miguel	4296	25.4
19. Socorro	2785	25.7
20. Dona Ana	2631	27.9
21. Taos	2549	28.8
22. San Juan	1870	31.2
23. Rio Arriba	3970	32.9
24. Valencia	3495	36.1
25. Sandoval	2969	46.5
26. McKinley	5431	60.5
Total for New Mexico	48797	20.2
Average for entire United States		7.7

The following table shows the number of illiterates 10 years and over in towns of 2500 and over in the state:

1. Clovis	1	6. Raton	288
2. Tucuman	15	7. Santa Fe	316
3. Roswell	181	8. Albuquerque	328
4. Las Vegas	188	9. Las Vegas	556
5. Silver City	271	10. Las Cruces	697

To the People of Curry County:

I am sure every person in the county will be greatly interested in the above figures which show the percentage and number of illiterates in New Mexico, by counties and the ranking, as shown by the government statistics of 1910. Illiteracy as used here by the government, means persons ten years of age and over, unable to read and write in some language.

Certainly it must be with a feeling of pride for you to see your county at the top of the list in a line-up of this nature. However, we must not content ourselves with this report but let us join the great campaign that is being waged in this state against illiteracy so that when the government census is taken four years from now it may be shown that there is not one person in Curry County, New Mexico, that cannot read and write.

While the report shows that we had 1.3 per cent, or 106 persons out of a total of 11,443 in the county in 1910, who could not read and write, it is my opinion that at this time there are surely not more than two dozen, if that many. If it happens to be your neighbor who is unfortunately deprived of such a privilege, possibly you can tactfully assist him or her in learning to read and write.

Very truly yours,

L. C. Mersfelder, Ex-County Superintendent.

Elks Minstrels

The greatest musical treat of the season will be the Elks Minstrels to be given on February 18 by eighteen members of the order and other talent. Almost the entire program will consist of songs and musical numbers and the joking part of the program has been confined to a few new ones. Of course each year the program is better than the one preceding, but the boys are giving it straight this time when they say that they will have the best thing of the kind ever presented in Clovis. They have been practicing regularly for several weeks and if you want to hear some home talent equal to anything you hear on the road, just take a night off and attend the Elks Minstrels on the 18th and if you find that we have not stated a fact, just come around to the News office and we will recommend that your price of admission be refunded. The Elks quartette have knocked the "harm" out of harmony and the "sic" out of music. Paste the

date in your hat and be sure and hear a musical treat.

Election To Be Contested

The News learns today that the election is to be contested but the grounds of complaint have not as yet been made public. The supposition is however, that it will be based upon the petition circulated which it is alleged is construed to be a threat in violation of the corrupt practices act. This, however, is only a hearsay report and it may be that the contest will be based upon entirely different grounds. The feeling among the aldermen is to give the saloons 30 days in which to close. When the attempt to close the saloons is made after the expiration of this time, it is expected that they will get out a restraining order and in such an event, the city council will ask for an injunction closing the saloons until the matter is thrashed out in the courts. Later developments promise something interesting and sensational.

NEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY

The Splendid, New, Big House of Worship, Erected On the Corner of Mitchell Street and Washington Avenue to be Formally Dedicated Sunday, February 6th.

A Bold Hold Up

The first hold up reported in Clovis occurred Sunday night when an immigrant was held up by two highwaymen at a point near the stock yards and relieved of his pocket change amounting to about four dollars. He was en route from Memphis to Fort Sumner and had been up town attending the prohibition speaking and was returning to his immigrant car near the yards, when he was suddenly confronted by two men, one of which shoved a pistol in his face while the other went through his pockets. Luckily he carried his money in his sock which was not examined by the robbers. It was dark and he was unable to give a good description of the men, but says that they were rather tall and slender and appeared to wear overalls, jumpers and caps. The officers have no clue. The supposition is that they are the same pair that held up a grocery store in Amarillo the day before.

Jail Delivery Monday

Taking advantage of the excitement due to the prohibition election returns Monday evening and the absence of the jailer, three prisoners escaped from the county jail and have not yet been apprehended. They are Homer Moulton, charged with bigamy, J. R. Johnsey, charged with forgery and a negro, Henry Smith, charged with theft of liquor. The jail has been undergoing some cleaning and repairing and the negro was employed upstairs in the work. The jailer had two keys to the big cell where the prisoners were confined, one of which he kept hidden in the upper story, where the negro had been working and the supposition is that he found this and at the opportune time unlocked the door and liberated the other prisoners. This belief is strengthened by the fact that the key is missing. Johnsey who had almost served out his term, would have been liberated at the coming term of district court within a few days. The negro had for some time been employed as porter in the Union bar and was thought to have committed the robbery there several months ago.

F. A. Wilmeth Dead

F. A. Wilmeth, who recently came to Clovis from Oklahoma City and entered into a law partnership with Stanley J. Clark, died on the train while en route back to Oklahoma last week. He came here for the benefit of his health and finding the altitude too high had decided to return. The end came suddenly and unexpectedly.

State Corporation Commissioner, O. L. Owen and Mrs. Owen were here from Santa Fe several days the first of the week. A meeting of the state corporation scheduled here on the 2nd and he came here to attend that meeting and incidentally to vote in the election held Monday, as he still claims Clovis as his home.

The new Christian Church having been completed will be formally dedicated Sunday, February sixth. The services will commence at 10:45 a. m. and continue throughout the day.

Every one is most cordially invited and urged to be present at all the services. A basket lunch will be served to visiting friends and those who wish to partake.

We ardently desire the presence of all in the community who wish to congratulate us upon the completion of our new house of worship.

The program for the day is as follows:

10:45 A. M.

Organ Voluntary, Miss Veta Bills
Doxology, - - - Choir
Invocation, - Clark W. Lambert
Anthem - - - Choir
Announcements - - By Pastor
Scripture,
Solo - - - Omar S. Jones
Prayer - - - J. H. Shepard
Sermon, "Why be a Christian"
Arthur W. Jones

Gospel Invitation

Offering

Benediction, - Ralph D. Fifield
3:00 P. M.

Holy! Holy! Holy! - - - Choir
Invocation - Rev. Milton Reese
Anthem - - - Choir
Solo - - - Miss Mary Jo Welch
Sermon, "Why We Build this Church" - Arthur W. Jones.
Gospel Invitation.

DEDICATION

Dedicatory Vows, By Congregation - Led by Clark W. Lambert.

Dedicatory Prayer, Dr. Jeremiah Moore.

Greetings, - - Rev. J. H. Messer
Male Quartette
Benediction, Rev. David Sanford
Rev. C. H. Lambert.

Editor's Family Killed

Louise, aged 19, Edna, aged 16, and Sophronia, aged 13, daughters of E. R. Vallandigham, editor of the Deming Headlight, and Mrs. Vallandigham, were instantly killed at 6:50 p. m. Thursday, when an automobile in which they had started to their suburban home was struck by a Santa Fe switch engine and train at the Gold avenue crossing. The driver of the car, an employe of Mr. Vallandigham, who lived in the same vicinity, is at the local hospital and is not expected to recover. Upon first examination, it appears one ankle is badly mangled, one arm broken and that internal injuries were sustained.

Mr. Vallandigham, who was also in the car, escaped with light cuts and bruises. He was conscious when the aged railroad crossing tender reached the spot, disentangling himself from the demolished machine without assistance. He is also receiving medical attention at the local hospital.

The Deming Headlight was established by the father of the News manager 34 years ago.

L. R. Conarty, local Santa Fe agent, who has been confined in the hospital for a week, was released Monday and is back on the job again.